

## **ABSTRACT**

A stand providing a communication path between peripheral devices and portable devices and providing ergonomic viewing positions to portable devices such as a portable computer. In an exemplary embodiment, a stand generally includes an anchor movably coupled to the base to form a recess to receive a portable device, a support coupled to the base, and an electrical connector incorporated in the stand. The anchor may be formed to engage the portable device when a desktop portion of the portable device is disposed in the recess of the base. The support may be moved to extend upwardly from the base for holding the display portion of the portable device. The electrical connector may provide a communication path between at least one peripheral device and the portable device. The stand may also include a transmitter and receiver housed in the anchor for providing a wireless communication path between at least one wireless peripheral device and the portable device.

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